

Application No. 10/03,397

REMARKS

Claims 10-12 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 13 are cancelled. Applicants have included amendments to the specification to correct various grammatical errors contained in the originally filed application. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced through these amendments.

Drawings

In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, the drawings were objected to as being hand drawn. Formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(d) were mailed to the Official Draftsman on March 22, 2005. Applicants respectfully request said drawing objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, claims 1-5, 8 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,089,009 to Green. Applicants respectfully assert that said rejections are moot in view of the present cancellation of claims 1-5, 8 and 13. As such, Applicants respectfully request said rejection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, claims 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Green. Applicants respectfully assert that said rejections are moot in view of the present cancellation of claims 3 and 5. As such, Applicants respectfully request said rejection be withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

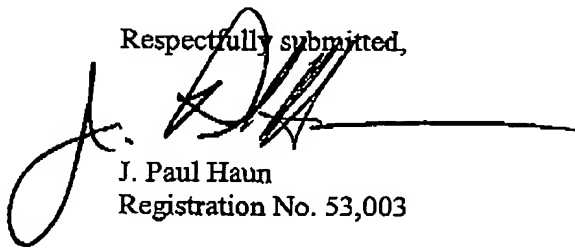
In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green. Applicants respectfully assert that said rejections are moot in view of the present cancellation of claim 6 and 7. As such, Applicants respectfully request said rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, claims 10-12 were indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. By this amendment, claims 10-12 remain the only pending claims. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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